outstanding feature of most

British elections is the large number of

electors who fail to record their vote.

n some countries voting is compulsory

and electors are fined if they do not do

their duty as citizens and avail them-

According to the universal suffrage

law of Australia, all those on the regis-

ter must record their votes, and at the

last general election in that country

50.000 electors were fined sums from

8s. 4d. downward because they neg-

Spain is another country that looks

on voting as a national duty, at least

in a municipal election. Should a citi-

zen omit to cast his vote his name is

published as a defaulter, his taxes are

increased by 2 per cent, while if he be

In the public service his salary is re-

duced by 1 per cent. Should be com-

mit the fault a second time he is de-

barred forever from holding an elec-

tive position or an appointment under

government.-London Spare Moments.

Wiles of the Waiter.

The man studied her dress, her hair

something wrong, and that head

waiter saw at a glance what it was.

The plain people are ranged along the

sides of the room, just as we are to-

"That is why I know I am not look-

While hunting in the Big Horn

nountains two men found a narrow

path, little more than a deer trail, lead-

ing up to the summit. They dismount-

ed and led their horses, moving very

cautiously, for on one side the moun-

tain rose up like a wall, and on the

other sloped down a thousand feet to

the canyon below. Suddenly both

horses pricked up their ears as if scent-

ing a wild beast. Then there came a

shot from the bunter in advance, and

the hunter in the rear found himself

hanging over the cliff. He had been

leading the horse by the reins, and

when the horse shied and upset him

he held on with a death grip. It was

nearly five minutes that he thus hung

on to the slender strap, while the horse

held back with all his strength. But

he could not climb up. and his com-

panion had to haul him up to a place

of safety, and then he naturally faint-

Pigs and a Palace.

many changes in his Balkan kingdom

since he arrived there in 1866 after an

adventurous journey in disguise from

Germany. Notable among them are

the changes in the capital and the

royal palace. When he made his tri-

umphal entry as the country's new

prince the carriage reached a house

King Charles of Roumania made

ed.-St Paul Pioneer Press.

ng well."-New York Times.

onight," the woman said.

nd her complexion closely.

ou are looking as well as usual."

selves of the franchise.

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Checkers is said by some to be a very old game, while others declare it to be of comparatively modern origin. Whence it came is absolutely unknown. The game is also called drafts, and there are many varieties of it-Chinese, English, Polish, Spanish, Italian and Turkish. It is also found among the native tribes of the

Testing His Faith.

interior of New Zealand.

Uncle-Well, Bobby, what did you learn at school today? Bobby-I learned that the world is round and turns on hinges, like that globe in the library. Uncle-Well, what do you think of that? Bobby-I think, uncle, they are asking me to believe a good deal for a small boy.-St. Paul Pioneer-

School "Examinitis." Let us remember that there is such a thing as examinitis and that a brain crammed with a multitude of useless facts may show up brilliantly on an examination, but be so clogged as to be unable to put the knowledge to practical use We know we are raising the pedagogue's ire by thus stating that there is such a thing as too much knowledge, but as a fact the world's work is being done by specialists who are densely ignorant of everything outside their respective narrow spheresand of many things inside too .- American Medicine.

Seizing an Opportunity. "Why did they arrest that man?" "It was discovered that he was supporting two families-keeping up two

establishments." "Oh, are they arresting people for that? I'll have to tell my wife to chase her father out in search of a job."-Chicago Record-Herald.

Those Thoughtiess Remarks. Jinks- The biggest fool trick I ever did was once when I was ill and thought I was going to die. I sent for all my creditors and paid them in full Binks And then you recovered, I suppose? Jinks No. died, you blanked idiot!- Boston Transcript

Public Opinion. he is such a pretty baby I'm sure the merable smaller engagements should The Fond Mother Everybody says poet was right when he said that come to believe himself omniscient The Uncle (unfeelingly)-But he should of the mind that betrayed him into the have added, "So does everybody else."

Just a Trifle. "Oh. Mrs. Meyer, how do you do? Waterloo, just as Hannibal was final-It's an age since I've seen you! Anything new with you!" "Only my husband."-Fliegende Blat-

There are times when God asks nothing of his children except silence and patience.-Robinson.

THE LOVELIGHT IN HIS EYES.

the People Stare. "You have read in norels how a twice-yet I, too, have had my experi- and overflows its banks. ences, declares a contributor to Punch.

much in that, you may say, but when

in my eyes seemed to brighten the very from a hundred motorbuses. Never have the winds of May wooed so winningly a February morning. "Every man I met turned his head

as if loath to take his eyes from my irradiated countenance. Every girl that Phyllis now is pledged to me or. shot from beauty's eyes might make my heart unfaithful.' "It was only when I reached the of-

fice and looked in the glass that I discovered the large black smudge on the end of my nose."

COURAGE OF NAPOLEON.

The Way It Carried Him From Aspern-Essling to Wagram.

Professor J. Holland Rose in "The Personality of Napoleon" writes of Napoleon's courage. He says that his grandly as after a defeat." The most serious blow in the middle part of his career was that dealt him by the Archduke Charles at Aspern-Essling, northnearly double him in strength. The bridges over the Danube had been broken down in his rear. His great marshal, Lannes, had been killed, and,

in fact, he had suffered a terrible reverse. All his generals were for retreat, but he withstood them, and Professor Rose ranks the next six weeks "among the most glorious of his military career." He secured new troops. deceived his enemy by false movements and finally defeated him at

Wagram. But a decline came to such a prodigious man. He himself said at St. Helena that he had been spoiled by success. It was natural that the victor in fifty pitched battles and innuheaven lies about us in our infancy." and invincible. It was this hardening Russian campaign, that caused him to refuse all compromise in 1813 and 1814 and that led him to defeat by his inferiors, Wellington and Blucher, at

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ly beaten by his inferior, Scipio, at

A QUEER LAKE.

He Thought That Was What Made All With Neither Inlet Nor Outlet It Has a Mysterious Tide.

There is a curious Swiss lake, Lake great emotion will transform a man's Marjelan, which at regular intervals countenance, how a poet's face in the completely disappears and does not behour of inspiration sets the sparrows | gin to refill until the following winter singing on the housetops. My own or spring. On these occasions it empfeatures are of the commonplace type ties itself so rapidly that the Rhone -nobody thinks of regarding them rises several meters in a few hours

But it is not necessary to go to "They occurred on the morning when | Switzerland in order to find a freak-I received a letter from Phyllis, which ish lake. There is a pond in the center said briefly. 'Yes, I think so.' Not of Long Island, at the present end of the Motor parkway, called Lake Ron-I tell you it was the delayed answer to konkoma. It has neither inlet nor outproposal of marriage you will under- let and lies at the foot of the hills that stand. Shortly after reading it I step- form the backbone of Long Island. ped out into the street to walk to the Round its shores are many pretty summer homes. The trees about it are-"What a walk that was! The light much larger and more beautiful than elsewhere on Long Island. The waters sun: the song in my heart was echoed of the lake are very clear and cold. In

some places it seems bottomless. The strange thing about Lake Ronkonkoma is that it has a tide; not a tide like the ocean that rises and falls every twelve hours, but one that takes seven years to rise and seven more to seemed to take the keenest pleasure in fall. The difference between high wamy happiness and smiled at me pret- ter and low water mark is between tily as if infected by its contagion. thirty and forty feet. Many scientific "Tis well," I thought (in blank verse), men have studied the curious phenomenon, but no one has found out by my troth, these flattering glances what causes this mysterious tide. Nelther long continued rains nor severe droughts affect the quantity of water

in the lake. The Indians used to hold the lake in great awe, and few dared to cross it in a canoe. There is a legend of one brave who, while fishing, was drowned in the lake. His body was found six months afterward nearly ten miles away in Long Island sound .- Youth's Companion.

HIS BACKING WAS GOOD.

personality "never stood forth so And President Tyler Found a Place

For Old Jack Dade. President Tyler had a curious office seeking experience at the very beginning of his administration. Old Jack east of Vienna. The Austrians were Dade, a character about Washington. who had been the president's classmate at college, went to the White House, and said he, "Jack, I want an

"You do?" said President Tyler. "What office on earth do you think you are fit for?"

"Why, one o' these 'sinecurees' I hear so much about-no work and good pay." Dade promptly replied.

"Well, Jack," said Tyler deprecatingly, "you know that I am president now and must have some kind of warrant for making an appointment. Can you get anybody to indorse you? Could you bring me a letter of recommenda-

tion?" "Oh, yes," said Dade. "I'm fixed for that," and he produced a letter of four pages written by Tyler himself to President Harrison, whom he had just succeeded, urging the claims of his dear friend and classmate, Colonel John W. Dade, for a good, fat office. "Cast your eye over that!" he exclaimed in triumph.

Tyler read the letter attentively to wrought iron. the end, folded it carefully and said: "Jack, your backing is irresistible. Come up here tomorrow, and I'll have a place for you."

The next day Colonel John W. Dade was appointed keeper of the Federal

as he was in many of his personal relatagu's estimate of his infinite littlestreak, this, of course, from the viewready sympathy with the strugglers on the stage, and he wrote this apology for imperfections that are inseparable from plays no less than from other works of finite, therefore imperfect, beings:

Whoever thinks a faultless piece to see Thinks what ne'er was nor is nor e'er

Where Living Is Cheap. "The cheapest place in the world is

antioch, in Syria." says a returned traveler. "Being on the Mediterranean, the climate is just right in the colder months. I once passed a winter there, and all it cost me was £1 a week. hough I leased a fine house and kept hree servants. For the house I paid 20 shillings a month rent, while the servints were satisfied with 2 shillings a week. Mutton cost three halfpence a pound. Eggs were a penny a dozen and chickens twopence-halfpenny each. The finest of fresh fruit and vegetables (in February, tool) were so cheap that they were not sold in quantity. You got all you wanted for so much per week. All I required for my household cost me 1 shilling weekly. An American resident of Antioch told me that he and his family lived comfortably on £35 a year." - Westminster Ga-

Roach and Rain. There is one sport which benefits by the advent if not by the actual arrival of rain. This is fishing. While the rivers are still clear of floods and there is light enough for the fish to see the bait, but no sun to betray the shining hook, the fisherman has a chance to make a big catch, for fish rise and bite greedily before a rainstorm. The roach, known as the "weather fish." leaves his muddy bed, sometimes as long as twenty-four hours before the actual storm breaks, and swims around continually, all the time gasping for brenth. - Hamburger Nachrichten.

A Disconcerting Habit. "Yes. Dinah is a very good cook, but she has one failing. She's passionately fond of my perfumes."

"You can lock them away from her, can't you?" "Of course. But I can't get used to hear her snuffing under the door."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Yate Wood. The yate, one of Australia's numerous hard woods, seems to be the strongest known timber, with an average tensile strength of 24,000 pounds to the square inch and a maximum as high as 35,000, about equal to cast and

Well Worked Bell. A bell in a temple in north China has been kept ringing for a century. A tax is levied in the district for paying the seconds consider the duel should relays of ringers to work incessantly be made as little dangerous as pos-

day and night.

before which a guard of honor was stationed. "What house is that?" he asked. "That is the palace." replied When Pope Was Broad. Alexander Pope, the deathless poet General Goleski. The prince, thinkof England, had a large and intimate ing he had misunderstood him, said, experience of the theater. In his time | "Where is the palace?" And the genhe was a welcome visitor behind the eral was so embarrassed that he could only point silently to the one storied scenes, and most of the contemporane. building. The principal feature of the ous dramatic authors and actors were view from the windows on one side proud to be on friendly terms with was a gypsy encampment, with swine him. Mean and little and contemptible wallowing in the main road before tions (recall Lady Mary Wortley Monthe palace. Sir Francis Drake Still a Terror. ness), be nevertheless had a broad No public monument is needed .to keep alive among Mexicans the mempoint of the intellectual. He was in ory of Sir Francis Drake's exploits in Central and South America. Traveling in Mexico a few years ago Mr.

Edward Smith records that he "heard a woman calming a tempestuous child by saying, 'Ahi viene Drake!' (Here comes Drake!) I made minute inquiries and found that it is a common threat to children on the Mexican -Erchange. coast, like unto 'Bony will get you!' or The Black Douglas shall get you!"

> zon."-London Chronicle. Tactless, "Everything that is lovely reminds me of you," he fervently declared. "It is nice of you to say that," she replied. "I hope you see a great many lovely things." "I wish I did, but this is such a dreary, dismal place, don't you know."

seeing Drake's topsails on the hori-

-Chicago Record-Herald. Medical Advice. "Doctor, how can I prevent my husband from talking in his sleep?" "Well, you might try giving him a few opportunities in the daytime."-Pittsburgh Post.

Only to Be Expected. The Optimist-1 hear Brownsmith is going to be married. The Pessimist-Serves him right. I never did like

that fellow .- Lippincott's. No, Never. Love may be blind. But you never saw a bride who couldn't tell orange

blossoms from sunflowers.-Cincinnati Life.

No circumstances can permanently imprison a determined will.

serious this is set at the lowest speed,

eighty beats a minute, which gives

sible.-London Answers.

Quicksilver miners follow the most Duels in France. A large proportion of the duels in France end without bloodshed When the offense is not very serious it is agreed beforehand that the words of command shall be given so rapidly that the duelists will not have time

to take good aim. Sometimes three shots are exchanged without a hit, and than two years. then the seconds step in and-"honor is satisfied." At the word "Fire!" the Corrected. pistol is raised instantly, and it must Jack tried to kiss you? Other One 1 of instanty of the trial judge, but be discharged not later than the word did nothing of the kind! Jenious One deny its degree?"-Case and Com-"three," so the speed with which these words are given regulates the time in -But I heard you Other One-Oh, ment. which it is possible to take aim. Therethat was not until after he had kissed fore the speed with which they are me -Illinois Siren. spoken is agreed upon beforehand, this depending upon the seriousness of the The Charm of it. duel. The words are timed with a metronome. If the encounter be very

Helen-Charlie, dear, I den't see why you should like me so much better because I'm changeable. Charlie-Why, darling, every time I kiss you it's

and main what you can do.-Emerson. Macy in Spirit of American Literature.

Where One May Dig to China. Preciand, Pa is exactly what its name indicates free land. It is land which when purchased becomes the absolute property of the buyer, and his title is not subject to mining royalties, ground rent or any other reservation. In this respect it differs very much all sides and owned by the coal mining chasable at all is restricted to the surface rights only. In 1868 August Donop, foreseeing the need of a town site that would be free from the control of the mining corporations, bought several hundred acres of land. He laid out the town, and in selling the lots he emphasized the fact that it was "free land" and the owner's rights extended as deeply into the earth as he might care to prosecute. By common consent postoffice department to avoid confusion with the older town of Freehold. N. J. In deference to local sentiment

the name Freeland was substituted. -

Ladies' Home Journal.

"I know I am looking like a fright First Flight Sensations. The sensations when you first shoot "I don't see anything the matter with you," he said. "So far as I can see, "But I am not." she insisted. "There

"The rush and press of air are ter-If I had been up to the mark he stoved in and my ribs feel inclined to not molested wouldn't have put us away over here give way. I have difficulty in exhalin this out of the way corner. He der the chandelier in the middle of the My blood rapidly becomes superoxy- ago. "All the best dressed people are alsay that that is where I usually sit. my mouth shut.

It was much the same when taking a trial flight in a monoplane from the Bleriot school. At the end of the first circuit he "felt like blowing up."

Jupiter Cold and Dim.

Jupiter is 1.283 times larger than the earth, but the quantity of matter in this huge volume is only 316 times that in the earth; hence its density is low-in fact, only 41 per cent greater than that of water. Jupiter has been weighed with extreme precision, this because its moons can be measured as to distance and specific speeds of orbital revolution with the last degree of accuracy. But, then, it is cold out there, the distance of Jupiter being 5.2 times that of the earth from the sun, the intensity of solar light and heat energy received by the good Jovian folk, if there are any such creatures, being the ship Northumberland, to begin the only one twenty-seventh that received journey to St. Helena. There was here by humans. We would at once much protest in England against the die in cold and dim twilight if taken transportation of the distinguished out to Jupiter.-Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

Crocodiles as Policemen. There has been instances in Papus in which long sentence prisoners have and, harsh as the actions of the govhad no desire to return to their home because they grew fat in jail However, those cases are exceptional, and attempts to escape are not infrequent. Crocodiles were a great danger to the runaway, and there was a belief in a part of the Papuan gulf that the crocodiles were in league with the govern-

A prisoner escaping from jail was once severely lacerated by one of these reptiles while crossing a river. The criminal crawled to the nearest village constable and gave himself up to instice. "No good me fight along government now; alligator he help govwhimsically suggested that if Napoernment," was the complaint of the leon remained in England the people escaped. Lendon Cor. New York Sun

The First Balloons. I suppose you heard of those strange globes invented in Paris which rise into the air though encumbered with the weight of human animals. I wish we could procure one and travel to- that fact, no government was safe in gether among the clouds. At night we saying, "I should worry!"-Cleveland would illuminate our flying palace and Plain Dealer. hover like angry meteors above the habitations of our enemies, who perhaps have not yet been made acquainted with this wonderful invention. Like an ingenious method of signaling on a certain mischievous bird which Ovid the part of the enemy was discovered celebrates, we would dart down upon by the Servians. A cowherd was takthe graceful innocents and carry them ling five cows out to pasture on a hill off in spite of the screams of their rela- halfway between the two camps. He tions. Think how triumphantly we drove them about, sometimes two toshould sail through the calm, blue ether gether, then one at a time, then three. 10,000 feet above this dirty planet .-From a Letter of William Beckford (1783). Fancy people still living in terror of

He Got It. "I had a dream the other night." said the joker at a luncheon table recently. "I dreamed I was in business sufficient velocity the most powerful with a rich man, selling potted flowers. But business was bad, and we de- stopped in their flight when they came cided to discontinue business. I want- into contact with it. It would offer ed the pots and flowers and took them." "What did the rich man want?" asked one of the guests innocently. "He wanted the earth," replied the wit.-Exchange.

Well Named. "What do you call your dog?" "Stock Market."

"What a peculiar name! Any particular reason?" "I should say so. Most unreliable dog you ever saw. You can never tell what he's going to do next."-Life.

Life and Death. Let us exhaust the mystery of our life before forsaking it for the mystery of our death. Maurice Maeterlinek in Century Magazine

Usual Result. He-1 was on "pleasure bent." She-And then - He And then, before 1 knew it, I was "broke."-Brooklyn

Perilous Mining.

unhealthful trade in the world. The plaintiff in error sharply criticized the stant salivation and the system be counsel for the defendant began his comes permeated with the metal; the reply the following took place: teeth of the unfortunate men drop out,

for aiming, and therefore is used when graph.

MAN EATERS OF AFRICA. The Lions and Crocodiles Are In a Class by Thomselves. Man onling lions have always been

fairly common in East Africa. The most noted but far from exceptional from the land surrounding the town on case was that of the two man eaters which for a time stopped the building corporations, which land when pur- of the Uganda railroad by their ravrges among the workmen until they were finally shot by the engineer in charge Mr. (afterward Colonel) Patterson. Another lion, after killing several met around a station on the railroad, carried off and ate the superintendent of the division. The latter had come down in his private car, which was run on a siding, and he sat up at a window that night to watch the town's first name was Freehold. for the lian. But he fell asleep, and but this was ordered changed by the the lion climbed on the platform, entered the car by the door and carried

In the summer of 1900 a couple of man eating lions took to infesting the Masa villages on the plain around the headwaters of the Guaso Nyiro, west of Kenia, and by their ravages forced up rapidly in the air are distressful to the Masai to abandon the district, and the novice, says Captain C. Mellor in the native travel routes across it were the Airman. This is how Captain also temporarily closed. A few weeks Mellor felt, sitting behind the pilot in later I was hunting in the district. We kept the thorn boma around our camp closed at night, with a fire burn rific. My chest seems to be getting ing and askaris on guard, and were

Near Machakosboma a white traveling. The smallest opening of the na- er was taken out of his tent by a man would have given us a table right un- sal valve seems to give too much air. cater one night a good many years A grewsome feature of the incigenated, and I experience a feeling of dent was that on its first attempt the exhilaration. I should like to shout or lion was driven off after having seized at least say 'Ha, ha!' but the pressure and wounded its victim. The wounds places, so as to make the restaurant of the wind is too great for me to say of the lafter were dressed, and he was look more attractive. I am glad to anything, and I feel it best to keep again put to bed, but soon after he had his way into the tent and this time carried the man off and ate him.

Every year in East Africa natives are carried off from their villages or from hunting camps by man eating lions. Occasionally one hears of man eating leopards, which usually confine themselves to women and children, and there are man eating hyenas, but the true man enters of Africa are lions and crocodiles.-Theodore Roosevelt in Scribner's Magazine.

BRITAIN FEARED NAPOLEON.

And Lamb, Who Thought Him a Fine Fellov, Fanned the Flame. was on Aug. 8, 1815, that "General" Bonaparte, as his English cap-

tors insisted upon calling him, was transferred from the Bellerophon to prisoner, but the government remained Official England could see nothing but danger in keeping such a dynamic force as Napoleon within its limits.

ernment seemed, the position thus taken was not without logic. Napoleon time. The language as a written in had been placed on his honor at Elba, but honor did not weigh with him for over a thousand years it has be when ambition was concerned. favored Napoleon's detention in Eng. ing been an important literary tongue land when he wrote to Southey: "Aft- The language originates from San er all. Bonaparte is a fine fellow, as skrit, the mother tongue from which my barber says, and I should not mind every other Indian language has borstanding bareheaded at his table to rowed its alphabet, grammar and vodo service to him in his fall. They cabulary; but, unlike others, Bengali should have given him Hampton court never shrinks from gathering new ma of Kensington, with a tether extending | terials. There are numerous Persian.

in his favor, and the government took the suggestion seriously. Now that Napoleon is safely dead such a fear seems absurd, but Napoleon was then alive, and, in view of

Bovine Signal Service. Before the decisive battle at Ishtib thus conveying information to the Bul-

garians as to the position and strength of the Servian battalions. Marvelous Resistance of Water. If it were possible to impart to a sheet of water an inch in thickness bombshells would be immediately the same resistance as the steel armor of the most modern battleship.-Lon-

Taking Their Turn. "Why station a policeman beside this park bench?" "It is newly painted."

"He can't keep people from testing fresh paint." "No, but he can keep 'em in line."-Kansas City Journal.

don Strand Magazine.

Cause of His Anger. "Why is he so bitter at the girl he was only recently engaged to?" "Because when she sent the ring back she labeled the box 'Glass-With Care!" "-Lippincett's

Mistery In Store. "Kate mays she intends to marry Mr. Plants to refern him." "What is his rice?" "He's a good lead of a miser."-Bos-

ton Transcript. A Question of Degree. On a writ of error to the supreme

court of one of the states counsel for fumes of the mercury produce con rulings of the trial judge. When the "May it please your honors, before b they lose their appetite, become emaci- finish my argument, I think I can ated and as a rule seldom live longer show you that the trial judge was not as crazy as counsel on the other side would make him out to be."

By a member of the court: "Let me Jealous One- So you screamed when understand you-you admit the fact

> Dead Authors. Accepted handbooks and histories of

American literature pay too much attention to doubly dead worthies, whose books are not interesting and miss or but timidly acknowledge contemperary excellence. There is a way of 140 beats a minute allows no time like kissing another girl.—London Teleits in it, looks with too Chinese rever-The manly part is to do with might ence upon its nucestors. -John Albert

Colds

should be "nipped in the bud", for if allowed to run unchecked, serious results may follow. Numerous cases of consumption, pneunonia, and other fatal diseases, can be traced back to cold. At the first sign of a cold, protect yourself by thoroughly cleansing your system with a few doses of

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A Professional Love Letter Writer. In the American Magazine appears under the title "A Handy Man With the Pen" the confession of a man who is a professional writer of love letters, after dinner speeches, obituary poetry, etc. The following is one of the sto ries he tells about writing love letters for a customer:

"One day last fall a handsome young man, much embarrassed, appeared and after some hesitation confessed that he had neglected his education and was corresponding with a young woman with whom he was very much in love. She was a college graduate, and he desired to have his letters as well written as hers were, so he wanted me to write them. I advised him to write simply and as he talked, but he persisted, and twice a week he came, informed me concisely and briefly what he wanted to say to her, and I wrote the frills into them. He copied the letters himself, blushing frequently as he read what I had added in the way of sentiment. That young lady received some of the most wonderful love letters ever written. They were married during the winter."

Bengal and Its Language.
The people of Bengal number sere

ty millions and beast of best culture in India at the presen guage is only fifty years old. Thou; a dialect, there is in Indian history Charles Lamb spoke for those who unfortunately no trace of Bengali hav forty miles round London." Lamb French, Arabic and English words incorporated in it, and the wonder of it is that, instead of having been demight some day eject the Brunswick graded into some vulgar form like pidgin English, Bengali has become the most literary, scientific and perhaps the most philosophic of modern Indian

languages.-Argonant. A Long Life and a Broad One. An English doctor recently said that

ambition to live to a great old age isn't good one and doubted whether constant efforts to lengthen the average life are for the good of the race. He apparently favors a short life and a merry one. Perhaps it isn't long life that makes the world happy, but broad life. Thirty full, energetic years may he better than sixty years of commonplace drudgery. But why not sixty full, energetic years? Who knows what the world loses when a man dies at thirty? So much has been accomplished by men who have reached sixty and even seventy and eighty that it seems good policy to keep all persons on earth as long as possible. The man who honestly disapproves efforts to prolong life is a rarity and it is fucky for the world that he is .- Savan-

nah News. North British Manners.

I traveled upon the top of a car the other evening, says a correspondent in the Glasgow News, with a man who seemed to have strong views upon the subject of good manners and polite address. He was accompanied by his daughter, a pretty little girl of about five years of age, who was thirsting for information.

The proud parent was explaining at some length that car conductors do not retain the whole contents of their bags for their own personal use, when the little girl interrupted him with an interrogative "Eh?"

"Wha' learned you tae say 'eh'?" isked the father in reproving tones. "When you don't hear whit onybody says you should not say 'eh'; it's no polite; you should say-'whit.'"

A Busy Street.

Wullie Dalziel, the old shepherd, had retired at last from active service after spending the whole of his life in a little cottage away at the back of the hills, a full three miles as the crow flies from the nearest road. He moved into a house near the head of the valley above Crashie Howe, situated on the side of the lonely road. But Wullie was not quite happy. He was distracted. He was worried by the traffic. He told a friend that there was no peace in this bit for an auld body. Three bicycles and a cairt in the same day! Mon, it's a fair toon!"-

Manchester Guardian. Dice.

Dice are said by some to have had their origin in occult sources, but more reasonably they are ascribed to Psalmedes of Greece, B. C. 1244. Those exhamed at Thebes are identical with those used today, and the games played with them are the simplest and most widely known games of chance in the world.

Unlike Most.

Wayne-Chesty is about one of the oddest men I ever saw. Payne-How so? Wayne-Why, when a fellow borrews a quarter and doesn't pay it back Chesty finally admits that it is the quarter he cares about and not the principle of the thing .- Exchange.